

Kirk amendment that allows non-competitive contracts to be reported to Congress seven days after the contract has been awarded in some circumstances (by a recorded vote of 405 ayes to 20 noes, Roll No. 549).

Pages H9588–89, H9602

Rejected:

Obey amendment that would have required that funds provided for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund be given as loans (by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 546);

Pages H9575–82

Obey amendment that would have provided funds for quality of life enhancements for U.S. servicemembers (by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 547);

Pages H9562–65, H9582–83

Goode amendment that would have eliminated funding for the U.S. share of U.N. peacekeeping operations in Liberia and for international disaster and famine assistance in Liberia and Sudan;

Pages H9590–91

Blumenauer amendment that would have transferred funds from the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund to rebuilding and assistance efforts in Afghanistan;

Pages H9599–H9600

Waxman amendment that would have reduced funding for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 548);

Pages H9586–88, H9601–02

Markey amendment that would have struck certain provisions that would allow the Secretary of Defense to transfer funds (by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 550);

Pages H9591–92, H9602–03

Holt amendment that would have eliminated funding to import petroleum products into Iraq (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 551); and

Pages H9592–93, H9603–04

Loretta Sanchez amendment that would have struck the wording “or the Global War on Terrorism” from page 23 line 13 of the bill (by a recorded vote of 128 ayes to 295 noes, Roll No. 552).

Pages H9600–01, H9604

Withdrawn:

Shadegg amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of October 15) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund.

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Point of order sustained against:

Obey amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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Pence amendment (No. 33 printed in the Congressional Record of October 15) that sought to re-

quire that 50% of the total funds be made as a grant and 50% be made as a loan after the President informs Congress that a democratically elected government has been established in Iraq;

Pages H9565–75

Filner amendment that sought to eliminate the disabled veterans tax; and

Pages H9589–90

Spratt amendment that sought to increase pay and benefits for active and reserve military personnel.

Pages H9595–99

Agreed by unanimous consent to consider certain amendments before the consideration of other amendments for 10 minutes each, that such amendments shall not be subject to amendment, shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or the Committee on the Whole, and may amend a portion of the bill not yet read (except amendments proposing to transfer appropriations among objects in the bill must conform to clause 2(f) of rule 21).

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Agreed by unanimous consent to limit the time allowed for debate on certain amendments.

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H. Res. 396, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 202 nays with one voting “present”, Roll No. 544.

Pages H9491–H9508

Recess: The House recessed at 11:55 p.m. and reconvened at 1:01 a.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9485.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H9615–17.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

MAXIMIZE FARM AND RANCH INCOME

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to examine new generation cooperatives and strategies to maximize farm and ranch income. Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; Douglas Flory, member of the Board, Farm Credit Administration; and public witnesses.

DOD LONG-TERM BUDGET ISSUES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Department of Defense Long-Term Budget Issues. Testimony was heard from Dov S. Zakheim, Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense; and Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO.

HEALTHSOUTH FINANCIAL COLLAPSE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Financial Collapse of HealthSouth." Testimony was heard from the following officials of HealthSouth Corporation: Diana Henze, Assistant Controller; and Greg Smith, Chief Auditing Officer; the following former officials of HealthSouth Corporation: Teresa Sanders, Group Vice President and Chief Auditing Officer; Steve Schlatter, Physical Therapist; Michael Vines, Corporate Fixed Assets Department; Kelly Cullison, Vice President of Compliance; William Horton, Executive Vice President and corporate Counsel; Brandon Hale, Executive Vice President of Administration, Corporate Secretary and Compliance Office; James Goodreau, Chief of Security; and Anthony Tanner, Corporate Secretary and Compliance Officer; and Martin Cohen, Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting.

In refusing to give testimony, the following former officials of HealthSouth Corporation: Richard M. Scrushy, Founder and Former Chairman and CEO; and Susan Jones-Smith, Senior Vice President Finance Reimbursement, invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

U.S. CAPITAL MARKET STRUCTURE REVIEW

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Reviewing U.S. Capital Market Structure: The New York Stock Exchange and Related Issues." Testimony was heard from John Reed, Interim Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, New York Stock Exchange, Inc.; and public witnesses.

INTERNET VULNERABILITIES AFFECTING BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENTS AND HOMES

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on "You've Got Mail—But is it Secure? An Examination of Internet Vulnerabilities Affecting Businesses, Governments and Homes." Testimony was heard

from Karen Evans, Administrator, Office of Electronic Government, OMB; and public witnesses.

CASTRO'S CUBA—ONGOING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled "Castro's Cuba: What is the Proper United States Response to Ongoing Human Rights Violations in Our Hemisphere?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Roger Noriega, Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere; and Adolpho Franco, Assistant Administrator, Latin America and the Caribbean, AID; R. Richard Newcomb, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

FEC—ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on the Federal Election Commission Enforcement Procedures. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FEC: Ellen L. Weintraub, Chairman; and Bradley A. Smith, Vice Chairman; Karl Sandstrom, former Commissioner, FEC; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY IN AFGHANISTAN—CURRENT RECONSTRUCTION ISSUES

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on United States Policy in Afghanistan: Current Issues in Reconstruction—Part II. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: William B. Taylor, Jr., Afghanistan Coordinator; and James Kunder, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, AID; Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

RESOLUTION OF THE ETHIOPIA-ERITREA BORDER DISPUTE ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2760, Resolution of the Ethiopia-Eritrea Border Dispute Act of 2003.

STATE FEDERAL AGENCY PROTECTIONS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on "The GAO's Recent Report on the Implementation of Executive Order 12630 and the State of Federal Agency Protections of Private Property Rights." Testimony was heard from Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

DATABASE AND COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION MISAPPROPRIATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3261, Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act.

OVERSIGHT—VISA OVERSTAYS A GROWING PROBLEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on "Visa Overstays: A Growing Problem for Law Enforcement." Testimony was heard from Kevin Tanner, Director, Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force, FBI, Department of Justice; Nancy Kingsbury, Managing Director, Applied Research and Methods, GAO; Theresa Papademetriou, Senior Legal Specialist, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 280, National Aviation Heritage Area Act; H.R. 704, Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act; H.R. 1399, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Boundary Revision Act of 2003; H.R. 1594, St. Croix National Heritage Area Study Act; H.R. 1618, Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1862, Oil Region National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1798, Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Act; and H.R. 2909, Utah Test and Training Range Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Schiff and McInnis; Gerald F. Pease, Jr., Associate Director, Ranges and Airspace, U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: deTeel Patterson Tiller, Acting Associate Director, Cultural Resources, National Park Service; Jeffrey Loman, Acting Director, Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and Jim Hughes, Deputy Director, Land Management, Bureau of Land Management; Randy Johnson, Deputy Director, Planning for Public Lands, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule on H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appro-

priations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, providing that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides that no further motion or amendment shall be in order.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; FUTURE OF HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT

Committee on Science: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 279, recognizing the significance of the anniversary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program, and reaffirming the commitment to support the use of science in governmental decisionmaking through such Program; and H. Res. 395, recognizing the importance of chemistry to our everyday lives and supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week.

The Committee also held a hearing on The Future of Human Space Flight. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IS AMERICA LOSING ITS LEAD IN HIGH-TECH?

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Is America losing its lead in high-tech: implications for the U.S. defense industrial base?" Testimony was heard from Ronald Sega, Director, Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense.

AVIATION SECURITY—TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on the Transportation Security Administration's Perspective on Aviation Security. Testimony was heard from James M. Loy, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

VETERAN'S HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing entitled "Handoff or Fumble: Do VA and DOD Provide Seamless Health Care Coverage to Transitioning Veterans?" Testimony was heard from Neal P. Curtin, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Harold Kudler, M.D., Co-Chairman, Under Secretary for Health's Special Committee on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; and Robert

J. Epley, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Policy and Programs, Veterans Benefits Administration; and Edward P. Wyatt, Jr., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

BRIEFING—SENSITIVE COUNTERTERRORISM ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Sensitive Counterterrorism Issues. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

FASTER AND SMARTER FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response held a hearing on H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding

for First Responders Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PLUGGING THE GAPS IN BORDER SECURITY

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security held a hearing entitled “Plugging the Gaps in Border Security: the One Face at the Border Initiative.” Testimony was heard from Robert Bonner, Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled “Implementing the SAFETY Act: Advancing New Technologies for Homeland Security,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.